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From: Maritech [mailto:maritech@moreabs.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2005 9:51 AM  
To: MLPACComments@resources.ca.gov  
Subject: MLPACComments: aquaculture

Dear Melissa,

We have a proposed abalone aquaculture project adjacent to Point Loma consisting of the Point Loma kelp bed. We have been working on this since 1986. This is a project that plans to recover abalone populations and sustain harvests by continual seeding.

I assume you are aware that economic abalone enhancement is a complex endeavor that has defeated most if not all attempts worldwide. Choice of location and other parameters is critical to the success; Point Loma is our chosen location. A abalone project cannot be economically accomplished on a small scale due to the time and subdivisions of labor required.

A natural recovery of abalone in the area will take many decades and perhaps not in our lifetime. We propose to recover abalone in 6 years and as stated, continually seed to sustain harvests. You may not view this as natural but neither is agriculture. We wish to make the area productive.

I understand that Point Loma is one of the locations designated for a MPA reserve which would prevent this highly beneficial project.

I assume we would be classified as a stakeholder. I am not real clear on the definition but please inform me if I am wrong.

We have a tremendous amount of time involved in the compiling of an EIR. If you would like a copy of the next draft please let me know and I will see if I can get permission to provide you one. It is restricted to the Commission at present and was made very clear to me not to distribute without their permission.

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